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Estimated U.S. Live Poultry Slaughter Under Federal Inspection
For Week Ending 04-Sep-99 (Thousand Head)

	Current Week 09/04/99	Previous Week 08/28/99
Bro-Fry	159,340	160,496
Lt Hens	1,987	1,896
Hvy Hens	1,575	1,602

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In Canada
Weeks Ending 28-Aug-99 (Thousand Head)

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total
Head	418	0	418
Last Week	354	0	354
Same Wk Yr Ago	483	27	510
To Date 1999	16,321	181	16,502
To Date 1998	18,537	266	18,803

Source: Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division

Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In The U.S. And Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total
Head	2,230	1,546	3,776
Last Week	2,306	1,564	3,870
Same Wk Yr Ago	2,467	1,270	3,737
To Date 1999	88,963	46,926	129,015
To Date 1998	89,953	43,199	126,551

Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection
Week Ending 28-Aug-99 (Thousand Head)

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	157,438 (A)	1,812	1,546	3,358
Avg Wt	4.85	3.33	7.94	5.45
Last Week	154,016	1,952	1,564	3,516
Same Week Yr Ago	149,014	1,984	1,243	3,227
Avg Wt	4.85	3.51	7.84	5.18
To-Date/1999	5,163,096	72,642	46,745	119,387
To-Date/1998	4,966,252	71,416	42,933	114,349

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 154.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 159.4 million head or 4.8 million head more than or 103 percent of estimated fryers available.

(R) Revised

**Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection,
Classified By Live Weight, Week Ending August 21, 1999**

	(A) Fast Food/Food Service 4.20 Lbs & Down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs & Up
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Head	30,060	36,720	32,146
Avg Weight	3.75	4.83	6.01
% Of Total /1	30%	37%	32%
Comparisons			
Last Week	38,751	41,434	31,176
Avg Weight	3.77	4.83	5.99
% Of Total /1	35%	37%	28%
Same Week, Yr Ago /2	35,307	43,010	26,113
Avg Weight	3.83	4.80	6.09
% Of Total /1	34%	41%	25%

To Date/1999	1,084,768	988,283	1,379,043
To Date/1998	1,165,831	1,223,771	955,721

/1 May Not Total To 100% Due To Rounding

/2 Comparable Week

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**Live Turkeys Slaughtered Week Ending 21-Aug-99
(Thousand Head)**

	Fryer- Roasters	Young Turkeys	Old Banded	Total
Head	0	6,361	64	6,425
Avg Wt	0.00	23.68	26.73	23.71
Head Sltr Comparisons				
Last Week	0	5,342	67	5,409
Same Week Yr Ago	23	5,797	41	5,861
Avg Wt	8.52	24.61 (B)	26.88	24.56
To-Date/1999	55	158,357 (B)	1,186	159,598
To-Date/1998	72	168,473 (B)	1,202	169,747

(B) Includes 512,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 864,000 in 1998

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.
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